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DISAGREE ON STAGING WEST GERMAN UPRISING -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 4 Jul 51

Berlin, 25 June (DPA) -- The further conversion of the German Democratic Republic's industry to war production was the subject of a recent conference between members of the SED Politburo and the Soviet authorities in Berlin-Karlshorst.

According to SED sources, the following measures were debated: further confiscation of motor vehicles, establishment of fuel depots, issuance of special instructions to large plants regarding conversion to war production, recruiting of men for the GDR People's Police by Communist mass organizations, preparation of suitable terrain for advance airfields with key operational fields in Poland and Czechoslovakia, immediate expansion of preinduction training in military (youth) sports groups, stockpiling of food in cold-storage warehouses, and construction of large-scale grain silos after the Soviet pattern.

A sharp controversy is said to have arisen at the conference between Pieck and Grotewohl on the one hand, and Ulbricht and the Soviet authorities on the other, concerning the possible staging of an uprising in West Germany. Pieck and Grotewohl championed a moderate line, while Ulbricht and the Russians are said to have pressed for quick action.

Considerable quantities of raw materials from Satellite countries for the East German armaments industry are expected to arrive in the GDR in the near future.

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SOVIET MILITARY MANEUVERS IN EAST GERMANY -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 16 Sep 51

Berlin, 14 September -- Because of the military maneuvers of the Soviet occupation troops now taking place in the East Zone of Germany, the projected Peace Journey of the Nations, a bicycle tour, in 12 stages, through all the Laender of the Soviet Zone was called off by the Soviet Control Commission.

To keep away undesirable observers, Soviet military police have closed off extensive areas which have been declared restricted. More than a quarter million Red Army soldiers and hundreds of Soviet pursuit and fighter aircraft have been assembled in the Wittenberg-Magdeburg-Erfurt sector. The specified objective of the maneuvers is the encirclement of several army corps of an enemy advancing toward the Elbe River from the South. This hypothetical enemy, attacking from the South and West, and pushing toward the Elbe on a wide front, is to be stopped at that river. Sovzone propaganda stresses the defensive character of these exercises, which are under the command of General Chuikov, Supreme Commander of the Soviet Armed Forces. German observers report that strong armored forces have been assembled in the maneuver area. Reporters, even of Communist news publications, have been barred.

SUBMARINE BASE CAMOUFLAGED AS FISHING COMBINE -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 14 May 51

A submarine base with large repair shops, camouflaged as a fishing combine, is being built on the site of the former Heinkel-Werke between Warnemuende and Rostock. The project will have three channels as approach lanes for the purported fishing cutters. A turning basin is to be built at the end of these channels which will permit four ships to maneuver. Repair shops will be built on the island which the channeling will create, and along the sides of the channels. They will be 300 meters long, 30 meters wide, and 15 meters high. The Warnow River will be dredged to a depth of 3-9 meters up to the point at which it flows into the harbor of Rostock.

DRILL FOR URANIUM ORE -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 24 Sep 51

Berlin, 11 September (DPA) -- Drilling for uranium ore was begun recently in Dresden's Stadtpark, a public park in the center of the town.

According to the Investigating Committee of Liberal Jurists, the drilling operations have been ordered by the Soviet regime.

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